

DSMC's Acker Library Teams With Automation Department to Install CD-ROM Local Area Network Campus-wide

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Acker Library's Collection of CD-ROM Information Resources Now Available at Every Campus Workstation

April 16, 1997, marked the beginning of a new era for the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC) as Army Brig. Gen. Richard A. Black inaugurated the installation of the Acker Library CD-ROM LAN during a National Library Week reception. The Library has provided automated titles in-house for a number of years, but was anxious to take advantage of technological innovations that make remote access to varied resources a reality. In 1996 the Online Catalog became available via the World Wide Web, and Library staff began providing hypertext links to off-site resources from the Catalog earlier this year.

Helen Haltzel, Library Director, explained that access to the new CD-ROM LAN will be available from all buildings on the Fort Belvoir campus. She noted that these resources will now be available 24 hours a day to multiple users, thereby allowing

researchers to continue work even when the Library is closed, and ending the wait for workstation time on popular titles. "With crowded class schedules, we often had lines waiting to use our CDs during lunch breaks and before and after classes met," she said. "Now students will be able to launch applications to answer research questions and quote sources during class discussions without even having to leave their chairs."

It took a team effort with the DSMC Automation Department to make the LAN a reality. Issues of varied platforms and search engines became opportunities for both departments to appreciate the benefits of the other's expertise in different areas to reach their common goal. The final step of providing access to the LAN from every workstation on campus was integrated into the upgrade to *Windows 95*, allowing for an integrated introduction to new resources on campus.

The titles now available on the CD-ROM LAN include:

Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals
Business Periodicals (ABI/Inform)
Computer Select
Defense Strategy
ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)
Federal Budget
Magazine Article Summaries
NTIS (National Technical Information Service)
OGE (Office of Government Ethics)
Standard and Poor's Corporations
U.S. Government Periodical Index
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post

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TASK FORCE XXI ADVANCED WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENT (AWE)

Army's Operational Test and Evaluation Command Now Crunching the Numbers



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TOGO WEST (LEFT) AND DEFENSE SECRETARY WILLIAM COHEN MEET AT THE ARMY'S NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AT FORT IRWIN, CALIF., TO VIEW FORCE XXI TRAINING IN MARCH 1997.

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Hundreds of gigabytes and thousands of surveys and interviews must be reduced into a written report by June when it will be presented to Army Gen. William Hartzog, Commander, Training and Doctrine Command. The evaluations contained in the report will *help guide Army decision makers and acquisition executives* as they decide which systems will be fielded with the 21st Century soldier.

Editor's Note: This information was extracted from a U.S. Army Operational Test and Evaluation Command (OPTEC) news release, available for public consumption on the OPTEC Home Page:

<http://www.optec.army.mil/news.html>

Look for more on Task Force XXI and the OPTEC evaluations in a future issue of *Program Manager* magazine.

Personnel have returned to their home stations; equipment has been packed up and moved as well. After one of the largest exercises at the National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, Calif., the dust is finally starting to settle. But for the analysts and evaluators at the Army's Operational Test and Evaluation Command (OPTEC), the work not only continues, but actually increases. OPTEC, through its subordinate command, the Operational Evaluation Command (OEC), has the responsibility to analyze and evaluate the information gathered at the recent Task Force XXI Advanced Warfighting Experiment (TFXXI AWE) held at NTC.